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RE:

SN 10/077,392 "LINEAR AND CIRCULAR EXPRESSION ELEMENTS" - Kathryn

F. Sykes, Stephen A. Johnston Client Ref. UTSMC/DAL:0557 Our Ref. UTSD:557USD2

Commissioner:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

- I. Amendment; and II. Response to Office Action dated December 18, 2003; and
- A return postcard to acknowledge receipt of these materials. Please date stamp and mail this postcard.

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Kathryn F. Sykes, Stephen A. Johnston

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I. AMENDMENT; AND II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION **DATED DECEMBER 18, 2003**

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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2003, for which the three-month date for response is March 18, 2004.

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Reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks contained herein is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this paper.

Response to the Office Action begin on page 8 of this paper.